## United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit



**APPENDIX** 

# 76-1131

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

-against-

JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and JAMES W. FERRO.

Defendants-Appellants.

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Docket No. 76-1131 Docket No. 76-1160



JOINT APPENDIX TO APPELLANTS' BRIEFS

ON APPEAL FROM JUDGMENTS
OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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0/12/73	Notice of Appearance filed.					
-16-73	Writ retd and filed - Deft Ferro to remain at West St until Nov. 15, 1973 (see entry on reverse of Writ)	•				
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1-25-74	Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus Ad Prosequendum f	led.	(	ERRO)	1	
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-1-74	Before TRAVIA, J Case called - Adjd to 2-5-74 at 4:00	P.M.				
-5-74	Before TRAVIA J - case called - deft FERRO & counsel S		n o	£		

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2-11-74	Notice of Motion filed for dismissal of the Indictment.							
	ret. Feb. 15, 1974.							
2-15-74	Before TRAVIA J - case called - adjd to Mar. 22,1974 on consent.							
2 <u>-19-74</u> 2-22-74	Notice of motion to dismiss the indictment filed ret. 2-22-74(FERRO) Before TRAVIA J - case called & adjd to March 22, 1974							
	(for dismissal as to deft FERRO)							
. 3-22-74	Before TRAVIA J - case called - motion for dismissing the							
4-5-74	Indictment adjd to 4-5-74(FERRO & CYPHERS)  Before TRAVIA _ case called motion by Ausa CunninghamrIndictment is							
	dismissed - Motion granted - Indictment dismissed. Defs not							
	to be released pending re-indictment (Rule 12(b)(5) F.R.C.P.)							
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3/21/75	Before PLATT, J Case called- Bench warrant ordered for deft Cyphers							
	Before PIATT, J Case called- adjd to 4/25/75							
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6-74	Govts Memorandum of Law filed.
7/74	Before TRAVIA, J Case called- Motion for Bill of Particulars -Motion grant
	Defts motion to dismiss indictment=Decision reserved J:CYPHERS)-
	Deft's motion to dismiss indictment-Motion denied (J. FERRO)
11-74	By TRAVIA J - Decision and Order Filed denying motion of defts for
11-1-4	dismissal of the indictment. Copy mailed to deftex attys.
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/22/74	Motions made- decision reserved
70.7/	Affidavit of MYLES CUNNINGHAM filed. (received from Chambers)
18-74	By PLATT, J - Decision and Order filed on motion by defts for
18-74	By PLATT, J - Decision and Order lifed on motion of criminal
	dismissal of the Indictment governing prompt disposition of criminal
	cases etc. Motion denied.
2-21-7	Befor Platt, J - case alled - adjd to 2-28-75
/28/75	Before PLATT, J Case cal. ed- Adjd to 3/14/75
1/75	Before PIATT.J Case called- Bench warrant ordered for deft SeeleyCypher
/24/75	Before PLATT. J Case called - Deft's motion for court to disqualify itsel
	motion denied- Motion to vacate bench warrant granted- no opposition-
	Case adjd to 4/4 275 to set date for trial- bail contd(CYPHERS)
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	to deft Cyphers-case adjd to 8/18/75 at 10:00 A.M. for trial
8-18-7	Before WATSON J - case called - defts & attys present - deft Cyphers
	waives reading of the indictment and on his own behalf enters a plea
	of not guilty after being advised of his rights by the court - adjd
	without date - cas referred to to Platt, J.
11-14-	75 Before PLATT, J - case called - defts & attys present - adjd to 12-1-75
	for trial at 9:30 am.
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	appear as co-counser and on his own behalf - motion granted as
1 10	Indicated.
1-12-7	6 Before PLATT, J - case called - trial resumed - deft Ferro
	motion for Judgment of Acquittal denied - Deft Cyphers motion
	to dismiss - denied - Trial contd to Jan. 13, 1976.
1-13-7	6 Before PIATT I
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-	versiter for expert services filed
-11-76	Two transcript filed (one dated Jan. 8 and one dated Jan.13,1976)
5-76	Before PLATT, J - case called - deft & attys present - deft
	CYPHERS sentenced on count 1 for a term of 5 years pursuant to
	18:4208(a)(2) and shall become eligible for parole at such time
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6-6-75	Govts Notice of Readiness for Trial filed					
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3-5-76	Judgment & Commitments filed for both defts - certifie					
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3-5-7	6 Notice of Appeal filed for both defts. (7,4 Lw.)				-	

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T.18 U.S.C §1341, §1342 and §2

JAMES SEFLEY CYPHERS and JAMES W. FERRO,

-X30R 848 Defendants. THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

### COUNTS ONE THROUGH NINETEEN

1. On or about and between the 1st day of May 1972 and the 20th day of March 1973, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO, did unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud various companies which issue credit cards including, but not limited to The Diners Club, Inc., Carte Blanche Corporation, American Express Company and Eastern Airlines and to obtain airline tickets and merchandise and other goods of value by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, well knowing at the time that the pretenses, representations and promises would be and were false and fraudulent when made, which scheme and artifice is set forth below.

2. It was part of said scheme and artifice to defraud that the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO would by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises obtain airline tickets and merchandise and other goods of value by purchasing them with lost or stolen credit cards which had come into their possession, without intent to make payment and with knowledge to foresee that the credit card firms would be billed for such purchases by the sellers, and that the true original card holders would be billed by the credit card firms through the United States mails.

- 3. It was a further part of said scheme and artifice to defraud that the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO would use lost or stolen credit cards which had come into their possession to purchase airline tickets and merchandise and other goods of value, representing themselves to be the persons to whom the credit cards were issued, and forging the true account holders names to purchase invoices, without intent to make payment.
- 4. It was a further part of said scheme and artifice to defraud that the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO would alter and cause to be altered lost or stolen credit cards which came into their possession in one or more of the following ways: a) alteration of the identification number on the credit card; b) alteration of the name to whom the credit card was issued; c) alteration of the expiration date on the credit card.
- 5. It was a further part of said scheme and artifice to defraud that the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO would use lost or stolen credit cards which came into their possession altered in the manner described in this indictment, to purchase airline tickets and merchandise and other goods, representing themselves in some instances to be true account card holders, and forging the true account holders names to purchase invoices, without intent to make payment.
- 6. It was a further part of said scheme and artifice to defraud that the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO would, in instances where they had altered or caused to be altered the names appearing on lost or stolen credit cards which came into their possession, purchase airline tickets and merchandise and other goods, representing themselves to be fictitious persons and signing the names of such fictitious persons to purchase invoices, without intent to make payment.

7. It was a further part of said schere and artifice to defraud that the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO would convert to their own use or sell to other persons airline tickets bought with the lost or stolen credit cards.

8. On or about the dates hereinafter set forth, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO for the purpose of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud and attempting to do so, unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, did cause to be placed in post offices and authorized depositories for mail matter, various letters to be sent and delivered by the Post Office Department as hereinafter set forth in Counts One through Nineteen.

COUNT	DATE	ADDRESSEE
1	August 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, Calif. 90013
2	August 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, Calif. 90013
3	September 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, Calif. 90013
4 -	September 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, Calif. 90013
5	September 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, Calif. 90013
6	June 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, Calif. 90013
7	June 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, Calif. 90013
8	June 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Boulevare Los Angeles, Calif. 90013
9	June 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, Calif. 90013
10	December 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angels, Calif. 90013

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COUNT	DATE	ADDRESSEE
11	August 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, Calif. 90013
12	February 23, 1973	American Express 770 Broadway New York, New York 10003
13	February 12, 1973	American Express 770 Broadway New York, New York 10003
14	October 1972	National Com. Bank 60 State Street Albany, N.Y. 12201
15	August 1972	Western State Bank Box 3281 Rincon Annex San Francisco, Calif.
16	October 20, 1972	Lewis State Bank Box 1535 So. Monroe Tallahassee, Fla. 32302
17	June 1972	Conn. Bank & Trust 1 Conn. Plaza Hartford, Conn. 06115
18	May 1972	Master Charge Dept. Hartford Nat'l Bank & Trust Hartford, Conn. 06120
19	February 1972	Conn. Bank & Trust 1 Conn. Plaza Hartford, Conn. 06115

(Title 18, United States Code, §1341 and §2).

### COUNTS TWENTY THROUGH TWENTY-TWO

- 1. The Grand Jury repeats and realleges as constituting the scheme and artifice to defraud all of the allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven of Counts One through Nineteen of this indictment.
- 2. On or about the dates hereinafter set forth, the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO, for the purpose of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud and attempting to do so, unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, did cause to be delivered by mail according to the direction thereon, within the Eastern District of New York, various letters to be sent and delivered by the Post Office Department as hereinafter set forth in Counts Twenty through Twenty-Two.

COUNT	DATE	ADDRESSEE
20	February 1973	Dr. I. Arthur Simon 86 Plymouth Road Rockville Center, N.Y. 11570
21	March 6, 1973	Ronald Lesser 260 North Broadway Hicksville, N.Y. 11801
55	April 6, 1973	Ronald Lesser 260 North Broadway Hicksville, N.Y. 11801

(Title 18, United States Code, §1341 and §2).

### COUNTS TWENTY-THREE THROUGH FORTY-THREE

- 1. The Grand Jury repeats and realleges as constituting the scheme and artifice to defraud all of the allegations contained in paragraphs one through seven of Counts One through Nineteen of this indictment.
- 2. On or about and between the 1st day of May 1972 and the 20th day of March 1973, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO, wilfully and knowingly used fictitious, false and assumed names and names other than their own proper names, for the purpose of conducting, promoting and carrying on by means of the Postal Service, a scheme and artifice to defraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, §1341, as hereinafter set forth:

COUNT	APPROXIMATE DATE OF MAILING	ADDRESSEE	NAMES USED
23	August 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90013	Harry J. Strathos
24	August 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90013	Harry J. Strathos
25	September 1972	Carte Blanche (160 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90013	Myron H. Jellson
26	September 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90013	Myron H. Jellson
27	September 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.	Myron H. Jellson

COUNT	APPROXIMATE DATE OF MAILING	ADDRESSLE	NAMES USED
28	June 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90013	John J. Maloney
29	June 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.	John J. Maloney
30	June 1972	Carte Blancae 3460 Wilshirk Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90013	John J. Maloney
31	June 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90013	John J. Maloney
32	December 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90013	William T. Galyean, Ir.
33	August 1972	Carte Blanche 3460 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90013	Robert Friedman
34	March 6, 1973	Ronald Lesser 260 North Broadway Hicksville, N.Y. 11801	Ronald Lesser
35	April 6, 1973	Ronald Lesser 260 North Broadway Hicksville, N.Y. 11801	Ronald Lesser
36	February 23, 1973	American Express 770 Broadway New York, N.Y. 10003	Ronald Lesser
37	February 12, 1973	American Express 770 Broadway New York, N.Y. 10003	Ronad Lesser
38	October 1972	Nat'l. Com. Bank 60 State Street Albany, N.Y. 12201	Jeffrey T. Armstrong
39	August 1972	Western State Bank Box 3281, Rincon And San Francisco, Calif	nex -
40	October 20, 1972	Lewis State Bank Box 1535, So. Monroo Tallahassee, Fla. 33	Fred Preston Staff
41	June 1972	Conn. Bank & Trust 1 Conn. Plaza Hartford, Conn. 061	Richard L. Blaisdell

COUNT	APPROXIMATE DATE OF MAILING	ADDRESSEE NAMES USED
42	May 19.2	Master Charge Dept. Arnold L. Olsson Hartford Nat'l. Bank & Trust Hartford, Conn. 06120
43	February 1972	Conn. Bank & Trust John Wentworth 1 Conn. Plaza Hartford, Conn. 06115
(Title	18, United States	Code, §1342 and &2).

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and JAMES W. FERRO,

SUPERCEDING INDICTMENT

Cr. No. T. 18 U.S.C., §1341 & §2)

Defendants.

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

### COUNT ONE

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- 1. On or about and between the 1st day of January 1973, and the 20th day of March 1973, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant JAMES SZELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO, wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully did devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses from various airline companies.
- 2. It was part of a plan and a scheme that the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO would use or cause to be used, lost or stolen credit cards which had come into their possession to purchase airline tickets and other goods of value, without intent to make payment.
- 3. It was a further part of a plan and a scheme that the defendant JAMES SEELE: CYPHERS and the lefendant JAMES W. FERRO would alter, or cause to be altered, lost or stolen credit cards which came into their possession in one or more of the following ways: (a) Alteration of the Identification Number of the credit card; (b) Alteration of the name to whom the credit card was issued; (c) Alteration of the expiration date of the credit card.
- 4. It was a furthe part of a plan and a scheme that the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO would convert to their use, or sell to other persons,

airline tickets bought with the lost and stolen credit cards.

5. On or about the 3rd day of February 1973, the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W.

FERRO, for the purpose of executing 'a aforesaid scheme and artifice and attempting to do so, to be placed in an authorized depository for mail matter a letter addressed to:

Dr. I. Simon 86 Plymouth Road Rockville Center, N.Y.

which letter contained airline tickets fraudulently obtained.
(Title 18, United States Code, \$1341 and \$2).

### COUNT TWO

- The Grand Jury realleges all of the allegations of the first count of this indictment, except those contained in the last paragraph thereof.
- 2. On or about the 19th day of February 1973, the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO, for the purpose of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice and attempting to do so, caused to be placed in an authorized depository for mail matter a letter addressed to:

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which letter contained airline tickets fraudulently obtained. (Title 18, United States Code, \$1341 and \$2).

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- against -

Cr. No. (T. 18 U.S.C., §1341 & §2)

JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and JAMES W. FERRO.

Defendants.

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

### COUNT ONE

- 1. On or about and between the 1st day of January 1973, and the 20th day of March 1973, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO, wilfully, knowingly and unlawfully did devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses from various airline companies.
- 2. It was part of a plan and a scheme that the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO would use or cause to be used, lost or stolen credit cards which had come into their possession to purchase airline tickets and other goods of value, without intent to make payment.
- 3. It was a further part of a plan and a scheme that the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO would alter, or cause to be a tered, lost or stolen credit cards which came into their possession in one or more of the following ways:
  - (a) Alteration of the Identification Number of the credit card;
  - (b) Alteration of the name to whom the credit card was issued;

- (c) Alteration of the expiration date of the credit card.
- 4. It was a further part of a plan and a scheme that the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO would convert to their use, or sell to other persons, airline tickets bought with the lost and stolen credit cards.
- 5. On or about the 26 day of February 1973, the defendant JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and the defendant JAMES W. FERRO, for the purpose of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice and attempting to do so, caused to be placed in an authorized depository for mail matter a letter addressed to:

Dr. I. Simon 86 Plymouth Road Rockville Center, N.Y.

which letter contained airline tickets fraudently obtained. (Title 18, United States Code, §1341 and §2).

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United States Attorney

Eastern District of New York

### ARGE OF JUDGE PLATT

THE COURT: It is my practice, ladies and gentlemen, to read the instructions of the Court to you on the law. I realize it is more difficult for you to follow, but on the other hand it minimizes the risk for error. So pay attention and I will try to be as brief as possible.

Members of the jury: Now that you have heard the evidence and the argument, it becomes my duty to give the instructions of the Court as to the law as licable to this case.

It is your duty as jurors to follow the law as stated in the instructions of the Court, and to apply the rules of law so given to the facts as you find them from the evidence in the case.

You are not to single out one instruction alone as stating the law, but must consider the instructions as a whole.

Neither are you to be concerned with the wisdom of any rule of law stated by the Court.

Regardless of any opinion you may have as to what the law ought to be, it would be a violation of your swornduty to base a verdict upon any other view of the law than that given in the instruction of the Court; just as it would be a violation of your

sworn duty, as judges of the facts, to base a verdict upon anything but the evidence in the case.

You must not permit yourselves to be governed by sympathy, bias, prejudice or any other considerations not founded on evidence and these instructions on the law.

Justice through trial by jury must always depend upon the willingness of each such individual juror to seek the truth as to the facts from the same evidence presented to all the jurors; and to arrive at a verdict by applying the same rules of law as given in the instructions of the Court.

in this case to try the issues of fact presented by the allegations of the indictment and the denial made by the "Not-Guilty" pleas of the accused. You are to perform this duty without bias or prejudice as to any party. Again, the law does not permit jurors to be governed by sympathy, prejudice, or public opinion. Both the a cused and the public expect that you will carefully and impartially consider all the evidence in the case, follow the law the law as stated by the Court and reach a just verdict, regardless of the consequences.

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Now, I am not serding the exhibits which have been received in evidence with you as you retire for your deliberations. However, you are entitled to see any or all of these exhibits as you consider your verdict. I suggest that you begin your deliberations and then, if it would be helpful to you, you may ask for any or all of the exhibits simply by sending a note to me through one of the deputy marshals who will be stationed outside your jury room door.

An indictment is but a form or method of accusing a defendant of a crime. It is not evidence of any kind against the accused.

There are two types of evidence from which a jury may properly find a defendant guilty of a crime. One is direct evidence — such as the testimony of an eyewitness. The other is circumstantial evidence — the proof of facts and circumstances which rationally imply the existence or non-existence of other facts because such other facts usually follow according to the common experience of mankind. For example, the footprint of a man in the sand implied to Robinson Crusoe that there was another man with him on the desert island, and

indeed there was, the man Friday. Thus on the one nand you may have direct evidence of the issue and on the other hand you may have circumstantial evidence of the issue. The law does not hold that one type of evidence is necessarily of better quality than the other. The law requires only that the government prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt both on the direct and circumstantial evidence. At times the jury might feel that circumstantial evidence is of better quality. That judgment is left entirely up to you.

As a general rule, the law makes no distinction between direct and circumstantial evidence, but simply requires that, before convicting a defendant, the jury be satisfied of the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt from all the evidence in the case.

The law presumes the defendants to be innocent of crime. Thus a defendant, although accused, begins the trial with a "clean slate" -- with no evidence against him. And the law permits nothing but legal evidence presented before the jury to be considered in support of any charge against the accused. So the presumption of innocence alone

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is sufficient to acquit a defendant, unless the jurors are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt after careful and impartial consideration of all the evidence in the case.

The burden is always upon the prosecution to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. This burden never shifts to a defendant; for the law never imposes upon a defendant in a criminal case the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or producing any evidence.

A reasonable doubt does not mean a doubt arbitrarily and capriciously asserted by a juror because of his or her reluctance to perform an unpleasant task. It does not mean a doubt arising from the natural sympathy which we all have for others. It is not necessary for the government to prove the guilt of the defendant beyond all possible doubt. Because if that were the rule, very few people would ever be convicted. It is practically impossible for a person to be absolutely sure and convinced of any controverted fact which, by its nature, is not susceptible of mathematical certainty. In consequence, the law says that a doubt should be reasonable doubt not a possible doubt.

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A reasonable doubt is a doubt based upon reason and common sense, the kind of doubt that would make a reasonable person to hesitate to act. Proof beyond a reasonable doubt must therefore be proof of such a convincing character that you would be willing to rely and act upon it unhesitatingly in the most important of your own affairs.

The jury will remember that a defendant is never to be convicted on mere suspicion or conjecture.

Again, a reasonable doubt means a doubt that based on reason and must be substantial rather than speculative. It must be sufficient to cause a prudent person to hesitate to act in the most important affairs of his or her life.

The requirement of proof beyond a reasonable doubt operates on the whole case and not on the separate bits of evidence. Each individual item of evidence need not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

It is charged in Count One of the first indictment that:

"On or about and between the First day of January 1973, and the Twentieth day of March 1973, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within

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the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere,
the defendant James Seeley Cyphers and the defendant James W. Ferro, willfully, knowingly and unlawfully did devise and intend to devise a scheme
and artifice to defraud and obtain money and property
by means of false and fraudulent pretenses from
various airline companies.

"It was part of a plan and a scheme that the defendant James Seeley Cyphers and the defendant James W. Ferro would use or cause to be used, lost or stolen credit cards which had come into their possession to purchase airline tickets and other goods of value, without intent to make payment.

"It was a further part of a plan and a scheme that the defendant James Seeley Cyphers and the defendant James W. Ferro would alter, or cause to be altered, lost or stolen credit cards which came into their possession in one or more of the following ways:

- "(a) Alteration of the identification number of the credit card;
- "(b) Alteration of the name to whom the credit card was issued;
  - "(c) Alteration of the expiration date

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of the credit card.

"Paragraph 4: It was a further part of
a plan and a scheme that the defendant James Seeley
Cyphers and the defendant James W. Ferro would convert to their use, or sell to other persons, airline
tickets bought with the lost and stolen credit cards.

"Paragraph 4: On or about the Third day
of February 1973, the defendant James Seeley Cyphers
and the defendant James W. Ferro, for the purpose
of executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice and
attempting to do so, caused to be placed in an
authorized depository for mail matter a letter
addressed to:

\*Dr. I. Simon, 86 Plymouth Road, Rockville Center, New York, which letter contained airline tickets fraudulently obtained.

"All in violation of Title 18, United States
Code, Section 1341 and Section 2."

Now Count 2 of the same indictment is the same except for paragraph 5, and paragraph 5 reads as follows:

"On or about the Ninteenth day of February, 1973, the defendant James Seeley Cyphers and the defendant James W. Ferro, for the purpose of

executing the aforesaid scheme and artifice and attempting to do so, caused to be placed in an authorized depository for mail matter a letter addressed to:

\*Dr. Stuart Sylvan, 19 Robin Way, Great Neck, New York, which letter contained airline tickets fraudulently obtained.\*

All in violation of the same sections of the Code.

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THE COURT: (Continuing.) Count One of the second indictment is the same except for paragraph 5 which reads: "On or about the 26th day of Pebruary, 1973, the defendant James Seely Cyphers and the defendant James W. Perro, for the purpose of ing the aforesaid scheme and rtifice and attempting to do so, caused it to be placed in an authorized depository for mail matter a letter addressed to: Dr. I. Simon, 86 Plymouth Road, Rockville Center, New fork, which letter contained airline tickets fraudulently obtained." That is in violation of Title 18, United States Code Section 1341 and Section 2.

Section 1341 of Title 18 of the United States

Code provides in pertinent part that: "Whoever,
having devised or intending to devise any scheme

or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or
property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses...

for the purpose of executing such scheme or artifice
or attempting to do so, places in any post office
or authorized depository for mail matter, any
matter or thing whatever to be sent or delivered
by the postal service... shall be guilty of an
offense against the laws of the United States."

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The words "scheme" and "artifice" as used in the statute just read include any plan or course of action intended to deceive others and to obtain by false or fraudulent pretenses money or property from persons so deceived.

A statement or representation is "false or fraudulent" within the meaning of this statute, if known to be untrue, or made with reckless indifference as to its truth or falsity, and made or caused to be made with the intent to deceive.

A "false or fraudulent representation" may be made by statements of half truths or the concealment of material facts as well as by affirmative statements or acts.

There was a second section cited in each of the counts of the indictment, and that is alon 2 of Title 18 which is the so-called alding and abetting section. That section reads as follows:

"Whoever committee an offense against the United States or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission, is punishable as a principal. Whoever willfully causes an act to be done which is directly performed by him or another would be an offense against the United States

is punishable as a principal."

The essential elements which are required to be proved beyond a reasonable doubt in order to establish the offenses charged in the indictment are as follows: One, an act or acts of having devised a scheme or artifice to defraud or to attempt to defraud; two, the act or acts of placing or causing to be placed in an authorized depository for mail a letter intended to be sent or delivered by the postal service for the purpose of executing the scheme.

The mail fraud statute, violation of which is charged here, requires only that there be a scheme to defraud and not actual fraud and therefore I charge you that the government is not required to prove that the airline actually sustained any loss in order to establish the existence of a scheme to defraud those airlines.

The government must prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that some actual harm or injury was contemplated by the schemers. Proof that the airlines were actually victimized, though not necessary, may be considered as evidence of the schemers' intent to defraud.

actually used for flights and that the a. nes were never paid for those tickets and you may find that the airlines were actually victimized. But it is not necessary that you find that the airlines were actually victimized. You need only find that the schemers intended to victimize the airlines.

It is not necessary that the scheme contemplate the use of the mails as an essential element.

To prove a violation of the mail fraud statute the government must prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the mails were used for the purpose of executing the scheme. But it is not necessary that the government prove that the use of the mails was an essential element of the scheme.

fou may find that the mails were used in furtherance of the scheme charged by the government if you find that the mails were used to enable the schemers to realize the fruits of their scheme.

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that the mails were used to enable the scheme to continue and to reach fruition.

any intent to defraud, nor show on its face that it was mailed in furtherance of a scheme to defraud.

But it is necessary that the evidence in the case established beyond a reasonable doubt that the letter was willfully mailed, or caused it to be mailed, by one of the accused, with the intent to help carry out some essential steps in the execution of the scheme to defraud alleged in the indictment.

furtherance of the scheme to defraud is an essential element of the offense charged. It is not necessary that the use of the mails by the participants themselves be contemplated or that the defendants do any actual mailing or specifically intend that the mails be used. It is sufficient if the mails were in fact used to carry out the scheme and that the use of the mails by a participant or somebody else was reasonably foreseeable.

While it is not necessary that the government prove that the defendants actually used the mails

themselves, it is necessary that the government prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that it was foreseeable that the scheme in which the defendants participated would involve use of the mails. The actual use of the mails in furtherance of the scheme may be considered as proof that the use of the mails was foreseeable. In considering whether the mails were, in fact, used in furtherance of the scheme you may consider the testimony of persons who testified that they received merchandise obtained as part of the scheme, here airline tickets, in envelopes, with stamps and postmarks and delivered by postmen, as well as any other circumstantial evidence of the use of the mails, if you find such to be the fact.

To act with intent to defraud means to act knowingly and with the specific intent to deceive, ordinarily for the purpose of either causing some financial loss to another person or bringing about some financial gain to oneself.

The gist of the offenses charged in the indictments is the willful use of the mails in carrying out or attempting to carry out a scheme to defraud as charged and not the scheme itself. So the success or failure of the scheme is immaterial and

it is not necessary to show that any person was in fact defrauded.

Under the mail fraud statute each separate use of the mails in furtherance of the scheme to defraud constitutes the separate offense.

Stated in another way, the indictment charged the defendants with the crimes of mail fraud. Before they may be found guilty of this crime the government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that they participated in the scheme to defraud, with the intent to defraud and that the mails were used in the furtherance of that scheme.

Again, a scheme to defraud under the mail statute means some plan to procure money or property by means of false pretenses or representations calculated to deceive persons ordinarily prudent. The government must prove that the defendants participated in such plan and that the scheme, artifice, false and fraudulent pretenses, were made by them or their agent, knowing they were false and with the intent to defraud. It is not necessary, however, that any person was actually defrauded by the scheme. Nor is it necessary that the government prove all the pretenses and acts charged in the

Charge of the Court indictment. It is essential only that one or more

of them be proved to show the existence of the scheme.

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Now, on the aiding and abetting aspect of the case I read to you Section 2 of Title 18 which I will read again: "Whoever commits an offense against the United States, or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces, or procures its commission, is punishable as a principal. Whoever willfully causes an act to be done, which if directly performed by him or another would be an offense against the United States, is punishable as a principal."

The guilt of a defendant may be established without proof that the accused personally did every act constituting the offense charged.

In other words, every person who willfully participates in the commission of a crime may be found guilty of that offense. Participation is willful if done voluntarily and intentionally, and with the specific intent to do something the law forbids, or with a specific intent to fail to do something the law requires to be done; that is to say, with bad purpose either to disobey or to disregard the law.

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crime it is necessary that the accused willfully associate himself in some way with the criminal venture, and willfully participate in it as he would in something he wishes to bring about; that is to say, that he willfully seek by some act or omission of his to make the criminal venture succeed.

An act or omission is willfully done if done voluntarily and intentionally and with the specific intent to do something the law forbids, or with the specific intent to fail to do something the law requires to be done; that is to say, with bad purpose either to disobey or to disregard the law.

You of course may not find any defendant guilty unless you find beyond a reasonable doubt that every element of the offense as defined in these instructions was committed by some person or persons, and that the defendant participated in its commission.

Mere presence at the scene of the crime and knowledge that a crime is being committed are not sufficient to establish that the defendant aided and abetted the crime, unless you find beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant was a participant and not merely a knowing spectator.

An act is done know ngly if done voluntarily and intentionally and not because of mistake or accident or other innocent reason.

The purpose of adding the word "knowingly"
was to insure that no one would be convicted for
an act done because of mistake, or accident, or
other innocent reason.

As stated before, with respect to an offense such as charged in this case, specific intent must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt before there can be a conviction.

An act is done willfully if done voluntarily and intentionally and with the specific intent to do something the law forbids, that is to say, with bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law.

knowledge and intent ordinarily may not be proved directly, because there is no way of fathoming or scrutinizing the operation or a human mind. But you may infer a defendant's knowledge and intent from the surrounding circumstances. You may consider any statement made and done or omitted by a defendant, and all other facts and circumstances in evidence which indicate his state of mind. It is ordinarily reasonable to infer that a person intend

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the natural and probable consequences of acts knowingly done or knowingly omitted.

Now, as you will recall, there was a considerable amount of testimony and several exhibits which were admitted into evidence subject to a special instruction to be given by the Court to you at this time. That instruction is as follows:

The fact that the accused may have committed similar acts at beas sime is not any evidence or proof whatever that at another time the accused committed the offenses charged in the indictments even though the acts and the offenses charged are of a like nature. Evidence as to an alleged similar act may not therefore be considered by the jury in determining whether the accused did the acts charged in the indictments. Nor may such evidence be considered for any other purpose whatever unless the jury first finds that other evidence in the case standing alone establishes beyond a reasonable doubt that the accused did the acts charged in the indictments leaving aside only the question of whether the accused did the same knowingly, intentionally, willfully, or as part of a plan or preparation for a plan and not by way of

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If the jury should find beyond a reasonable doubt from the other evidence in the case that the accused did the acts charged in the indictments then the jury may consider evidence as to an alleged earlier or simultaneous similar act in determining whether there was a plan, scheme, or design, or a state of mind, knowledge of intent with which the accused did the acts charged in the indictments. And where all the elements of the alleged earlier or simultaneous similar act are established by evidence which is clear and conclusive, the jury may, but is not obliged to, draw the inference and find that in doing the acts charged in the indictments the accused acted pursuant to a plan, scheme, or design or acted willfully, knowingly and with specific intent and not because of mistake or accident or for innocent reason.

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dence in the case, unless made as an admission or stipulation of fact. When the attorneys on both sides stipulate or agree as to the existence of a fact, you must, unless otherwise instructed, accept the stipulation as evidence and regard that fact as proved.

The Court may take judicial notice of certain facts or events. When the Court declares it will take judicial notice of some fact or event, you may accept the Court's declaration as evidence, and regard as proved the fact or event which has been judicially noticed, but you are not required to do so since you are the sole judges of the facts.

Unless you are otherwise instructed, the evidence in the case always coasists of the sworn testimony of the witnesses, regardless of who may have called them; and all exhibits received in evidence, regardless of who may have produced them, and all facts which may have been admitted or stipulated, and all facts and events which may have been judicially noticed, and all applicable presumptions stated in these instructions.

Any evidence as to which an objection was sustained by the Court, and any evidence ordered stricken by

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the Court must be entirely disregarded.

Evidence does include, however, what is brought out from witnesses on cross-examination as well as what is testified to on direct examination.

Unless you are otherwise instructed, anything you may have seen or heard outside the courtroom is not evidence and must be entirely disregarded.

You are to consider only the evidence in the case and your verdict is to be based on the evidence only. But in your consideration of the evidence you are not limited to the bald statements of the witnesses. In other words, you are not limited solely to what you see and hear as the witnesses testify. You are permitted to draw, from facts which you find have been proved, such reasonable inferences as you feel are justified in the light of experience.

Inferences are deductions or conclusions which reason and common sense lead the jury to draw from facts which have been established by the evidence in the case.

If a lawyer asks a witness a question which contains an assertion of fact you may not consider the assertion as evidence of that fact. The lawyers'

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statements are not evidence.

You, as jurors, are the sole judges of the credibility of the witnesses and the weight their testimony deserves. You should carefully scrutinize all the testimony given, the circumstances under which each witness has testified, and every matter in evidence which tends to show whether a witness is worthy of belief. Consider each witness's intelligence, motive and state of mind, and demeanor and manner while on the stand. Consider the witness's ability to observe the matters as to which he has testified and whether he impresses you as having an accurate recollection of these matters. Consider also any relation each witness may bear to either side of the case; the manner in which each witness might be affected by the verdict; and the extent to which, if at all each witness is either supported or contradicted by other evidence in the case.

Inconsistencies or discrepancies in the testimony of a witness, or between the testimony of different witnesses, may or may not cause the jury to
discredit such testimony. Two or more persons
witnessing an incident or a transaction may see or

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hear it differently; an innocent misrecoll ction, like failure of recollection, is not an uncommon experience. In weighing the effect of a discrepancy, always consider whether it pertains to a matter of importance or an unimportant detail, and whether the discrepancy results from innocent error or intentional falsehood.

After making your own judgment, you will give the testimony of each witness such credibility, if any, as you may think it deserves.

The rules of evidence ordinarily do not permit witnesses to testify as to opinions or conclusions. An exception to this rule exists as to those whom we call expert witnesses. Witnesses who, by education and experience, have some expertise in some art, science, profession or calling, may state their opinions as to relevant and material matters, in which they profess to be expert, and may also state their reasons for the opinion.

You should consider each expert opinion received in evidence in this case and give it such weight as you may think it deserves. If you should . decide that the opinion of an expert witness is not based upon sufficient education and experience, or

if you should conclude that the reasons given in support of the opinion are not sound or if you feel that it is outweighed by other evidence, you may disregard the opinion entirely.

The testimony of a witness may be discredited or impeached by showing that he previously made statements which are inconsistent with his present testimony. The earlier contradictory statements are admissible only to impeach the credibility of the witness and not to establish the truth of these statements. It is the province of the jury to determine the credibility, if any, to be given the testimony of a witness who has been impeached.

If a witness is shown knowingly to have testified falsely concerning any material matter, you have a right to distrust such witness's testimony in other particulars, and you may reject all the testimony of that witness or give it such credibility as you think it deserves.

The law does not compel a defendant in a criminal case to take the witness stand and testify, and no presumption of guilt may be raised and no inference of any kind may be drawn from the failure of a defendant to testify.

As stated before in the instructions, the law never imposes on a defendant in a criminal case the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or producing any evidence.

It is the duty of the attorney on each side

of a case to object when the other side offers

testimony or other evidence which the attorney

believes is not properly admissible. You should

not show prejudice against any attorney or his client

because the attorney has made objections.

upon allowing testimony or other evidence
to be introduced over the objection of an attorney,
the Court does not, unless expressly stated, indicate
any opinion as to the weight or effect of such evidence. As stated because, the jurors are the sole
judges of the credibility of all witnesses and the
weight and effect of all evidence.

when the Court has sustained an objection to a question addressed to a witness the jury must disregard the question entirely, and may not draw any inference from the wording of it, or speculate as to what the witness would have said if he had been permitted to answer the question.

The fact that the Court has asked one or more

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questions of a witness for clarification or admissibility of evidence is not to be taken by you in any
way as indicating that the Court has any opinion as
to the guilt or innocence of the defendant in this
case and you are to draw no such inference therefrom.
That determination is up to you and you alone based
on all the facts in the case and the applicable law
in these instructions.

Now, you are here to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused from the evidence in the case. You are not called upon to return a verdict as to the guilt or innocence of any other person or persons. So, if the evidence in the case convinces you beyond a reasonable doubt of the guilt of the accused, you should so find, even though you may believe one or more other persons are guilty. But if any reasonable doubt remains in your mind after impartial consideration of all the evidence in the case, it is your duty to find the accused not guilty.

The verdict must represent the considered judgment of each juror. In order to return a verdict, it is necessary that each juror agree thereto. Your verdict must be unanimous.

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It is your duty as jurors to consult with one another and to deliberate with a view to reaching an agreement, if you can do so without violence to individual judgment. Each of you must decide the case for himself, but do so only after an impartial consideration of the evidence in the case with your fellow jurors.

In the course of your deliberations, do not hesitate to reexamine your own views, and change your opinion if convinced it is erroneous. But do not surrender your honest conviction as to the weight or effect of evidence, solely because of the opinion of your fellow jurors, or for the mere purpose of returning a verdict.

Remember at all times you are not partisans.

You are judges, judges of the facts. Your sole interest is to seek the truth from the evidence in the case.

There is nothing peculiarly different in the way a juror should consider the evidence in a criminal case, from that in which all reasonable persons treat any question depending upon evidence presented to them. You are expected to use your good sense; consider the evidence in the case for only

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those purposes for which it has been admitted and give it a reasonable and fair construction, in the light of your common knowledge of the natural tendencies and inclinations of human beings.

If the accused be proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, say so. If not so proved guilty, say so.

You must reach a verdict with respect to each of the two defendants on each of the three counts in the two indictments. There are two in the first and one in the second. You must reach a separate verdict with respect to each of them on each of the three counts.

If any reference by the Court or by counsel to matters of evidence does not coincide with your own recollection, it is your recollection that should control during your deliberations.

The punishment provided by law for the offenses charged in the indictment is a matter exclusively within the province of the Court, and should never be considered by the jury in any way, in arriving at an impartial verdict as to the guilt or innocence of the accused.

Upon retiring to the jury room, Juror No. 1,

the juror seated closest to me in the tan pants and coat, will act as your foreman unless he chooses not to do so. If he chooses not to do so, you will elect a foreman or forelady from among your number. The foreman will preside over your deliberations and will be your spokesman here in court.

Tf it becomes necessary during your deliberations to communicate with the Court, you may send a note by the marshal, signed by your foreman or by one or more members of the jury. No member of the jury should ever attempt to communicate with the Court by any means other than a signed writing and the Court will never communicate with any member of the jury on any subject touching the merits of the case; otherwise than in writing or orally here in open court.

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You will note from the oath which will be taken shortly by the Deputy Marshals that they, too, as well as all other persons, are forbidden to communicate in any way or manner with any member of the jury on any subject touching the merits of the case.

Bear this in mind: You are never to reveal to any person -- not even to the Court -- how the jury stands, numerically or otherwise, on the question of the guilt or innocence of the accused, until after you have reached a unanimous verdict. When, as and if you reach a unanimous verdict, then you write me a note to the effect: We have reached a unanimous verdict. You don't tell me what the verdict is in the note, you tell me that in open court when you are called upon to say so, but not before. You will never, never write me a note saying, we stand thus and so, for a conviction or acquittal, or anything of that nature. If you do write me a note such as the latter, then I will be compelled to declare a mistrial, we will have to retry the whole case all over, and I'm sure you don't want to force us to do that. Bear that in mind when you reach a unanimous verdict that you write me a note that you have reached a unanimous verdict without telling me what it is, and never write and say, we

stand thus and so.

I will take five minutes while I discuss matters with the attorneys. After that you will be sent to the jury room for the consideration of the consideration and the alternates will be discharged, but in the meantime during the five minutes recess, don't discuss the case.

(At 1:20 p.m. a five-minute recess was taken.)

MR. KRAMER: I have no additions or changes,

your Honor.

MS. SELTZER: I would request a charge on the use of the mails.

You took every statement from every Second

Circuit decision and added a little bit, maybe, and

it came out worse for the defendant or required less

proof, according to your charge, by the Government than
any of the prior decisions.

It is very hard when you are speaking to get all the exact words, but I think that the tenor and the interpretation of the Finkelstein case just went further in this case than it did previously.

MR. PREMINGER: I will object to the charge where you said if it was foreseeable that the mails would be involved, and I know that Finkelstein says

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that, and Finkelstein is a Second Circuit case, and I could be wrong, too --

THE COURT: Why don't you take it up with them?

MR. PREMINGER: For the record, may I voice my
objection to that, there is always a question, your
Honor, as to what foreseeability is, and I would say
if your Honor --

MR. PREMINGER: All right. I would say, your

Honor, that the charge could include -- well, I would

ask that you charge the jury that in the event they

believe that the evidence supports the theory that:

Nagin was an alternate user and if it stopped there

then there was not foreseeability that the mails would

be used.

MS. SELTZER: I will concur in that objection,

THE COURT: All right, we will get them back.

(At 1:20 p.m. the jury took its place in the jury box.)

THE COURT: Now the alternate jurors, your time has come.

Have any of you ordered lunch?

You can eat your lunch in my witness room, which

is across the hall. When you go out this door you go around towards the elevator, and that is what you will see on the left-hand side, "Judge Platt's witness room," and you can eat your lunch there.

If you didn't order lunch, you can of course take your hats and coats and check out, you will have satisfied your jury service for the day.

In any event, after you have consumed your lunch, you should do the same, you should check out with the jury clerk and make sure that you are checked out and given any further instructions which may be required.

You go with the thanks of the Court. In this case you were not needed, there are some hardy souls with ability to brave this heavy weather which we have had in the last week. You have come in timely every day, notwithstanding the weather, and thank you for being so prompt and being so attentive to this case.

As I say, you go with the thanks of the Court.
Unfortunately, you cannot carry on further deliberations.

If you have some coats, you should pick them up and
go on from there.

Thank you very much.

(At this point the alternate jurors left the

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THE COURT: All right, swear the Marshals in.

(At this point, the Marshals were sworn.)

THE COURT: All right, now, ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to let the attorneys go to lunch. Your lunch, I hope, should be arriving shortly, then they probably will be out till 2:30, so don't send any notes in before 2:30. After that you may send any notes if you have any.

I guess that is all.

So you may now discuss the case.

(At this point the jury began its deliberations. (Continued on next page.)

## AFTERNOON SESSION

3:00 o'clock p.m.

THE COURT: I have received a note.

THE COURT CLERK: Note received Court Exhibit

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THE COURT: I have received a note from the jury. They want a copy of the indictments, both indictments in this case.

Ms. Seltzer and Mr. Preminger I want you to look at this.

MR. PREMINGER: Okay.

THE COURT: I will send them in to the jury.

(A recess was taken until 3:40 o'clock p.m.)

THE COURT: I have a stack of notes. The first is marked Court Exhibit 2: "Please give us a copy of the Court's special instructions as to intent of the scheme."

That is on the intent question which I will read to them.

Then they say: "Please give us the transcript of the postal agent's direct and cross-examination testimony."

We can read that to them if they want the whole thing but I will try to cut it down for them.

Then they want a copy of Count Three. We have

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sent in Count Three to them.

MR. PREMINGER: That is Count One of the new indictment.

THE COURT: I will explain that to them.

They then ask: "Please give us a copy of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341 and Section 2."

I will read it to them again.

Then there is something that does not look

like a note but looks like a list of witnesses

somebody made up and I will ask them whether they

meant that to be a note. It looks rather to be notes

than a note to me and is not signed by the foreman.

Then they say: "We would like the envelope containing the slips of paper with the addresses of Dr. Simon and Dr. Sylvan along with the order blanks to purchase tickets that were found in the bag."

MR. KRAMER: I am sorry.

THE COURT: The order blanks found in the bag, in the briefcase.

The testimony begins on page 34.

THE COURT CLERK: Jury notes marked Court Exhibits No. 2 to 6 inclusive.

THE COURT: And it goes to page 74, 34 through

MR. KRAMER: Your Honor, there were six envelopes introduced in evidence.

THE COURT: One had Dr. Simon and Dr. Sylvan.

MR. KRAMER: That is Exhibit 18. They all had order blanks. We have the envelopes which had their names in it but they all had order blanks.

THE COURT: The order blanks to purchase tickets that were found in the bag.

MR. KRAMER: I am saying all these envelopes
were found in the bag and each one of them but only
18 is material relating directly to Simon and Sylvan.

THE CO: . And the others --

MR. KRAMER: Have information on other people.

THE COURT: Give them all those.

Bring in the jury.

(The jury took its place in the jury box.)

THE COURT: Mr. Foreman, I have here what is apparently a list of people.

JURY FOREMAN: I am sorry, that was something we were just discussing, it is not a note.

THE COURT: Exhibit 2 says "Please give us a copy of the Court's special instructions as to intent of the scheme." That I will read to you in

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a moment. I cannot give it to you, I will read it.

The next request is, "Please give us the transcript of the postal agent direct and cross examination testimony."

That is about forty pages of testimony, from page 34 to 74 which I will read to you or read a specific part if you want. Do you want the whole thing?

JURY FOREMAN: Not the whole thing, the part that shows the intent, what the meaning of the intent means involving the postal department.

THE COURT: Just a moment, I do not want you all talking at once. If necessary you can go back out and decide what portion of his testimony you want read and come back and tell me. Do not argue out here in the Courtroom.

The next note says "Please give us a copy of Count Three. We received only Counts One and Two".

One indictment we sent you contained two counts and the second one contained one count and that is Count Three.

The next note says, "Please give us a copy of Title 18, United States Code Section 1341 and Section 2." I will read those sections to you.

The next one says: "We would like the

envelope containing the slips of paper with the addresses of Dr. Simon and Dr. Sylvan" and that is Exhibit 18, which is this envelope here, which I will give you.

And it says further "along with the order blanks to purchase tickets that were found in the bag." Those are the other envelopes which I will send in to you.

Taking the special instructions as to the intent or scheme:

Now as you will recall, there was a considerable amount of testimony and several exhibits which were admitted into evidence subject to a special instruction to be given by the Court to you at this time. That instruction is as follows:

The fact that the accused may have committed similar acts at some time is not any evidence or proof whatever that at another time the accused committed the offenses charged in the indictments even though the acts and the offenses charged are of a like nature. Evidence as to an alleged similar act may not therefore be considered by the jury in determining whether the accused did the acts charged in the indictments. Nor may such evidence be considered for any other purpose whatever unless

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the jury first find that other evidence in the case standing alone establishes beyond a reasonable doubt that the accused did the acts charged in the indictments leaving aside only the question of whether the accused did the same knowingly, intentionally, willfully or as part of a plan or preparation for a plan and not by way of mistake or accident.

If the jury should find beyond a reasonable doubt from the other evidence in the case that the accused did the a ts charged in the indictments then the jury may consider evidence as to an alleged earlier or later or simultaneous similar act in determining whether there was a plan, scheme or design or a state of mind, knowledge or intent with which the accused did the acts charged in the indictments. And where all the elements of the alleged earlier or later or simultaneous similar act are established by evidence which is clear and conclusive, the jury may, but is not obliged to draw the inference and find that in doing the acts charged in the indictments the accused acted pursuant to a plan, scheme or design or acted willfully, knowingly and with specific intent and not because of mistake or accident or for innocent reason.

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fou must read the indictment as a whole. It describes a scheme or plan in and of itself in all three counts, Counts One, Two and Three, and it describes certain acts that constitute part of that scheme or plan and then in paragraph five of each count it describes specifically mailings which the government said constitutes the ultimate act which brings it into this court.

You first have to look to determine whether the government's proof proved the scheme or taken as a whole and including the acts which are subject to special instruction, whether they prove a scheme or plan but leaving aside whether they may be similar offenses or acts or anything of that nature. But did they convince you beyond a reasonable doubt that these two defendants entered into a scheme or a plan as charged in the indictment and that these mailings were part of and a fruition of that plan. Then you may determine, if you so determine that these acts quite independent of everything else have been so proved. Then you may look at the other acts, for example, the so-called Doubleday act, and determine whether they have been established to your satisfaction and if they have been you can take them into account in determining whether you have

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the acts done that are charged in the indictment; whether they were done knowingly, intentionally, willfully or as part of a plan or preparation for a plan as a whole.

I do not know if that clarifies it for you or not. You should read the indictment and determine whether they have proved the acts charged in the indictment, leaving aside the specific items as to whether or not they constitute an offense or not. Just disregard them as separate offenses of any kind and then after that you can go to determine use if you are so inclined, whether the acts charged in the indictment were knowingly or willfully with specific intent as part of a scheme or plan.

Section 1341 of Title 18, United States Code reads as follows: "Whoever having devised or intending to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses ... for the purpose of executing such a scheme or artifice or attempting to do so, places in any post office or authorized depository for mail matter, any matter or thing whatsoever to be sent or delivered by the postal service ..."

Section 2 of Title 18 of United States Code

reads: "(A) Whoever commits an offense against the United States or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its cormission, is punishable as a principal.

"(B) Whoever willfully causes an act to be done which is idirectly performed by him or another would be an offense against the United States, is punishable as a principal."

Now returning to Exhibit 3, note asking for the testimony of the postal inspector, will you let me know what portion of the postal inspector's testimony you want me to read and I will read it to you.

(The jury left the Courtroom.)
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

74-CR-322

-against-

DECISION AND ORDER

JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and JAMES W. FERRO,

June 11, 1974

Defendants.

TRAVIA, D. J.

The defendants James Seeley Cyphers and James W. Ferro move to dismiss the indictment pending against them.

The defendants have been indicted under the mail fraud statute, Title 18 U.S.C. § 1341. In <u>United States v. Maze, U.S. , 94 S.Ct. 645 (1974)</u>, the Supreme Court held that the mails must be sufficiently closely related to the defendant's scheme so as to bring his conduct within the statute. Applying this standard, the Supreme Court ruled that the mails were not sufficiently closely related to Maze's scheme for the mails only came into play as a result of the commercial practices of the defrauded merchants and banks. In contrast, it is alleged in the case at bar that the defendants themselves caused the allegedly fraudulently obtained airline tickets to be mailed to the doctors.

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Consequently, there is a qualitative difference between the instant case and the Maze case inasmuch as here the defendants are alleged to have actually utilized the mails as part of their scheme to defraud. As a result of this qualitative difference, the Maze case does not require the dismissal of the indictment herein.

In addition, the defendant Cyphers, in his moving papers, states that there was no evidence before the Grand Jury which would indicate that airline tickets were actually mailed by the defendant or that the mailings were contemplated in the defendant's scheme to defraud. Absent these evidentiary prerequisites, the defendant contends that this court lacks jurisdiction for the Grand Jury could not have found that a federal crime had been committed. The general rule is that except in extraordinary circumstances, which are not present here, an indictment may not be attacked on the ground that it was not supported by adequate evidence. See, e.g., Costello v. United States, 350 U.S. 359 (1956). Nevertheless, the court has perused the Grand Jury minutes in this case and finds that the Grand Jury was warranted in returning indictment number 74-CR-322 against the defendants.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the defendants motion to dismiss indictment number 74-CR-322 be and the same is hereby denied.

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Decision and Order

December 18, 1974

JAMES SEELEY CYPHERS and JAMES W. FERRO,

Defendants.

PLATT, J.

Defendant FERRO moves to dismiss the indictment pursuant to Rule 50(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and Rules 3 and 4 of the Second Circuit Rules governing prompt disposition of criminal cases on the ground that the government cannot be ready for trial within the requisite 6 month period when the initial pleading date, set by the government, is calendared for a day after the passage of 6 months from the date of arrest. Secondly, defendant argues that inasmuch as the first indictment was dismissed under the authority of United States v. Maze, 414 U.S. 395 (1974) on the grounds that the offense charged in the indictment did not constitute a "using of the mails" and was not re-indicted until April 23, 1974, some 13 months after arrest, the indictment must be dismissed as the government was not ready for trial within 6 months.

The defendant was arrested on March 19, 1973.

An indictment was handed down on September 18, 1973 and the government issued a notice of readiness for trial on September 19, 1973. Thus both the indictment and notice of readiness occurred within six months of arrest. The defendant FERRO did not plead to the charge, however, until October 12, 1973 -- some 22 days after the six month period had expired.

Rule 4 of the Plan for the United States District
Court for the Eastern District of New York for Achieving
Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases requires that:

"In all cases the government must be ready for trial within six months from the date of the arrest, service of summons, detention, or the filing of a complaint or of a formal charge upon which the defendant is to be tried (other than a sealed indictment), whichever is earliest."

The government cannot be "ready" for trial within the six months period prescribed by Rule 4 where the plea was not entered until after the close of that period and as such the indictment must be dismissed, <u>United States v. Bowman</u>, 493 F.2d 594 (2d Cir. 1974); <u>United States v. Hilbert</u>, 72 CR 142 (E.D.N.Y. - 1974, Dooling, J.), unless the time is tolled under one of the exceptions in Rule 5.

Rule 4 of the Plan for the Eastern District further provides:

"If it should appear that sufficient grounds existed for tolling any portion of the six-months period under one or more of the exceptions in Rule 5, the motion (for the dismissal of the indictment) shall be depied, whether or not the government has previously requested a continuance."

The government specifically relies on Rule 5(c)(ii) which excludes from the computation of the time within which the government should be ready for trial the period of time during which:

(ii) "the prosecuting attorney is actively preparing the government's case for trial and additional time is justified by exceptional circumstances of the case."

In the instant case, a lengthy investigation was undertaken during the period between arrest and indictment and continued up to and through the date of pleading (see affidavit of Postal Inspector, Robert T. McDowall). Such an investigation involved numerous cat of state trips and interviews and substantial communications with various officials of the credit card industry. All of this was occasioned by the nature of the case; a complex and multifaceted credit card and mail fraud scheme involving literally hundreds of isolated transactions. The original indictment (73 CR 848) contains 43 separate counts.

At least one case has suggested that mail fraud schemes may justify a considerable time for preparation.

(See <u>Hanrahan v. United States</u>, 348 F.2d 363, 367 (D.C. 1965).

The Statement of the Circuit Council to Accompany
Second Circuit Rules Regarding Prompt Disposition of Criminal
Cases (predecessor of the Eastern District Plan and which
correspond almost exactly) noted:

"[I]n construing rule 5(c)(ii) the failure of the government to be ready for trial would not ordinarily be ground for extending the trial time limitations; but there are a considerable number of federal prosecutions, such as antitrust, fraud, conspiracy, and income tax cases, which, because of their nature and complexity, may require more than the prescribed period for pretrial proceedings and discovery. Rules 5(c)(ii) and 5(h), and indeed all the rules, are designed to permit the district courts to exercise a sound discretion in cases where special circumstances require an extension of time. (Emphasis added)."

The Court finds that in this case "exceptional circumstances" justify the government's delay between arrest and pleading and defendant's motion is therefore denied on this ground.

Defendant's second argument that, since he was not re-indicted until April 23, 1973, some 13 months after the initial arrest on the first indictment (73 CR 848), the indictment must be dismissed as the government was not ready for trial within 5 months, is also denied. Acceptance of such a contention would preclude any superseding indictment where more than six months had elapsed from the date of arrest. Drafters of the Plan certainly did not contemplate dismissal of an indictment where the delay was occasioned by the action of a court in holding a prior indictment insufficient.

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THE COURT: I don't care to hear that.

I think I know enough about this case that it's not the usual run-of-the-mill type of case where things can be done with the snap of a finger.

I can see from reading the indictment in this case that it is a complex matter. It is a fraud matter, and I think that under those circumstances our Court of Appeals has indicated that to be one of the type of cases where the Government is granted a little more than the usual X number of days where an indictment should be dismissed without any further facts; therefore the motion to dismiss is denied.

# SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

JAMES S. CYPHERS

Deft.

on Indictment

for

Forgery 2nd deg., Crim. Possession Forged Instrument. 2nd deg., Crim. Possession Stln. rop. 2nd deg., Crim: Possession Forged Instrument 2nd deg., Crim. Impersonation, and Petit Tarcery

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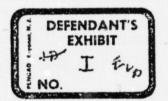
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I, NORMAN GOODMAN, County Clerk and Clerk of the Supreme Court, New York County, do certify that it appears from an examination of the Records on file in this office, that on Jan. 2°, 1975 upon the written recommendation filed by the District Attorneys Office of New York County, the Indictment was ordered dismissed by the Hon. Burton B. Roberts, a Justice of this Court, in Part 42.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this ..........day of Jan. 7, 1976

County Clerk and Clerk of the Supreme Court, New York County. SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

-against-

INDICTMENT NO.

JAMES CYPHERS,

Defendant.

2662/73

### RECOMMENDATION FOR DISMISSAL

### INDICTMENT:

The Grand Jury of New York County indicted the defendant on May 17, 1973 for Forgery in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, Petit Larceny and Criminal Impersonation. On June 11, 1973, the defendant pleaded not guilty.

### GRAVAMEN:

The gravamen of the charge is that the defendant entered a store and made a purchase therein using an altered Mastercharge credit card and wrongfully representing himself as the owner thereof, signed the cardholder's name to the sales slip and received records valued at \$9 in exchange for the signed sales slip.

#### EVIDENCE:

On September 30, 1972, a customer entered the Doubleday Bookstore at 724 Fifth Avenue in Manhattan and produced a Mastercharge credit card bearing the name FRED PRESTON STAFF. He signed the name of FRED PRESTON STAFF to the sales slip and received from the clerk, SCOTT KALE,

merchandise (records) in exchange. The card was returned to the customer. In the course of processing the sales slip, it was ascertained by MARK STROUD of Mastercharge that the card had been altered because the number was incorrect. The incident was reported to JOHN DUSENCHEK of Interbank, an organization affiliated with Mastercharge. DUSENCHEK took the sales slip to the store, tracked down SCOTT KALE by his initials on the slip and asked him if he would recognize the customer who signed the slip. DUSENCHEK possessed eight photos, one of which was that of the defendant. KALE said he thought that the defedent had been the one who signed the slip.

occasions so he was somewhat familiar with him. KALE told
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY HARVEY WEINBERG that he checked
the card against a "hot" list and that it had not been
reported stolen (this was because the number on the card had
been altered). This conversation took place in early 1973.

KALE testified at a preliminary hearing and in the Grand Jury
about the transaction. He testified to seeing the defendant
signaing the slip and giving him (EALE) the card. FRED PRESTON
STAFF, the cardowner, testified that the card had been stolen
relatively recently and that the defendant had neither
permission nor authority to use it. MARK STROUD, Vice
President of Lewis State Bank, in Florida, issuer of the card,

testified that the card had been altered. DUSENCHEK testif ed that he had shown the pictures to KALE. Detective MICHAEL MARINO made the arrest.

The physical evidence in this case consists of the photos shown to KALE and the original carbon copy of the sales slip. KALE testified in the CRIMINAL COURT preliminary hearing on May 14, 1973 that he was informed three or four days after the incident (the sale) that he had accepted a stolen credit card. The facts indicate that that is not when he was told, but rather that he just heard of the fraudulent nature of the transaction when DUSENCHEK showed him the photos about 20 days later. MARK STROUD infromed me that the alteration of the car was not discovered until at least five or six days after the transaction and that he had not contacted Doubleday at all. JOHN DUSENCHEK indicated that it would be nearly impossible for KALE in the regular course of business to have learned of the fraud at so early a time. If KALE was right about hearing about the stolen card so soon after the sale, his identification may well have been tainted by the suggestion that the person he was picking out was a credit card thief and the fact that he was already familiar with the defendant as a customer. If KALE is wrong about the date he learned of the transaction; it is a substantial inconsistency for trial purposes.

December of 1974. His recollection of the incident is wrong in almost every detail. He could not remember the amount of

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(The interview with Weinberg indicated that he did not.) He stated he never used a "hot". List (The Weinberg interview Indicated that he did not.) He cated that he did). He had no independent recollection of the defendant as being the person who signed the slip.

He stated that there were many credit card customeral that day and that there were many who, like CYPHERS, were "non-regulars." It should be noted that the defendant allegedly threatened RALE shortly eiter the arrest in that he "urged" him to drop the charges, but the defendant made no evert threats and no admissions. The defendant was arrested for threatening RALE on Cotober 15, 1973, but that case is till pending and will probably be dismissed, according to MILLE CURNINGHAM, ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY for the Eastern Bistriot of New York.

now has no clear independent recollection evan after my attempts attempting him of the sale itself, which occurred in late 1972. KALE never was shown to have a clear recollection of the incident and any clear means of linking this defendant with the fraudulent transaction. He can probably put him in the store that day and even have him making a credit card transaction, but there is no way to prove beyond a reasonable doubt, on the basis of CALEAD prior recollection, that the defendant actually signal the slip. When MALE was selecting

the defendant's photo from the others on October 20 1972
there was no way to be certain that he could differentiate
the defendant from the other credit card customers who had
been in the store that day, of which there were many, according
to KALE.

Postal Service resulted in his statement that the credit card sales slip had never been identified as being written by CYPHERS. I showed the document to JOSEPH MCNALLY, a handwriting expert, together with exemplars of the defendant's handwriting and he told me no positive identification could be made. At one point it had been believed that a positive identification had been made.

## DEFENDANT'S CRIMINAL RECORD:

The defendant has a long arrest record for similar charges, dating back to 1937. He has numerous convictions. He was recently (December 27. 1974) arrested in Las Vegas and also will be extradited to Cleveland for imposition of sentence for a similar charge.

### RECOMMENDATION:

The People's case depends on the testimoney of SCOTT KALE, a witness whose present recollection is totally inadequate for conviction and whose past testimony if subjected to any close scrutiny would be insufficient to prove any crime in this case beyond a reasonable doubt.

Accordingly, it is respectfully recommended that the charges against the defendant be dismissed. It is further requested that if this recommendation is approved by the Court, such approval be deemed an authorization to disclose the Grand Jury testimony to the extent set forth above.

No previous recommendation in this case has been made to any Justice of this Court.

Dated: New York, New York January 27, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL BERGER

Assistant District Attorney

APPROVED:

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Acting District Attorney

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK : PART 47 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WEW YORK, NOTICE OF MOTION -against-Indictment No. 2662/73 JAMES S. CYPERS, Defendant. SIRS: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon the annexed affidavit of MARVON PREMINGER, sworn to the / / day of June, 1974, and upon all of the prior pleadings and proceedings had herein, the undersigned will move this Court, at a Criminal Torm, Part 42 thereof, at the Courthouse, 100 Centre Street, New York, New York, on the 25th day of June, 1974, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order: 1. Inspecting the Grand Jury minutes, and upon such inspection dismissing the indictment herein. 2. Granting to the defendant discovery and inspection of any and all credit cards or credit card receipts or invoices used in connection with the indictment herein. 3. Granting discovery and inspection of any handwriting reports, handwriting analysis or statements or confessions made by the defendant herein. 4. Directing the District Attorney to supply the defendant with a bill of particulars setting forth the names, addresses and credit card numbers imprinted upon any credit cards alleged to have been used by the defendant in connection with any of the counts of this indictment, and the names, addresses and credit

card numbers imprinted upon any credit card sales slips or

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Indictment No. 2662/197

-against-

:

JAMES S. CYPHERS.

Defendent.

BURTON B. ROBERTS. J.:

Defendant's omnibus rotion is decided as follows:

Item 1, requesting an inspection of the Grand Jury minutes and, upon such inspection, dismissal of the indictment, is denied. The defense has failed to set forth any facts to rebut the presumption that the indictment is founded on legally competent and sufficient evidence (People v. Hovell, 3 N Y 2d 672).

Items 2 and 4 are denied as evidentiary. However, the District

Attorney is directed to set forth whether or not the third, fourth and fifth

counts are based upon the same transaction as the first and second counts. If

not, defendant will be permitted to move for further particulars as to the said

third, fourth and fifth counts.

Item 3, requesting reports of handwriting analyses is granted.

However, the District Attorney's answering papers state that there are no such reports in existence at the present time.

That part of item 3, requesting copies of statements or confessions made by the defendant is granted to the extent of CPL 8 240.20 (1)(b).

The Clerk of the Court is directed to forward a copy of this order to the District Attorney and to the attorney for the defendant.

Dated: October // . 1974.

Lustin A. Roberts

Counsel

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JAMES S	G. CYPHERS

Defendant

THE GRAND JURY OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by this indictment, accuse the defendant of the crime of FORGERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The defendant , in the County of New Y rk, on or about September 30, 1973,

with intent to defraud, deceive and injure another, falsely made,

and completed a written instrument, of which the following is

a copy, the same being and purporting to be and calculated to become

and to represent if completed, a Credit Card Sales Slip.

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### SECOND COUNT:

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse said defendant of the orime of CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A FORGED INSTRUMENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows;

Said defendant, in the County of New York, on or about September 30, 1972, knowing the same to be lorged and with intent to defraud, deceived and injured another, uttored and possessed the forged instrument set forth in the first count of this indictment;

THIRD COUNT:

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse said defendant of the crime of CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A FORGED INSTRUMENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

Said defendant, in the County of New York, on or about September 30, 1972, knowing the same to be forged and with intent to defraud, deceived and injure anoth r, uttered and possessed a forged instrument, to wit, a Credit Card.

FOURTH COUNT:

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse said defendant of the crime of CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF STOLES PROPERTY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

Said defendant, in the County of New York, on or about September 30, 1972, possessed a credit card belonging to Fred Preston Staff;

FIFTH COUNT:

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse said defendant of the crime of CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION, committed as follows:

Said defendant, in the County of New York, on or about September 30, 1972, impersonated Fred Preston Staff, and did an act in such assumed character with intent to obtain a benefit and to injure and defraud another;

SIXTH COUNT

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse said defendant of the crime of PETIT LARCENY, committed as follows:

Said defendant, in the County of New York, on or about September 30, 1972, stole certain property from John S. Kale, to wit, personal property.

FRANK S. HOGAN

District Attorney

CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF NEW YORK PART AP-1

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK : DOCKET NUMBER:

N-323430

-against-

JAMES S. CYPHERS,

CHARGE: 170.10

Defendant. :

100 Centre Street New York, New York May 14, 1973

Before:

HONORABLE SHIRLEY LEVITTAN,

Judge.

Appearances:

ALAN ALBERT, ESQ.. ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

For the People.

RICHARD HEIGER, ESQ. 1939 Third Avenue New York, New York 10029,

For the Defendant.

Charles Strimpell, Official Court Reporter.

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#N-323430, James S. Cyphers, charged with

THE COURT: Both sides ready?

MR. ALBERT: The People are ready.

. MR. HEIGER: The defendant is ready.

THE COURT OFFICER: Please take the stand, raise your right hand and face the Judge.

S C O T T K A L E, called as a witness on behalf of the People, was duly sworn and testified as follows:

THE COURT OFFICER: Please state your name, address and occupation.

THE WITNESS: Scott Kale, 724 Fifth Avenue, New York. Occupation is assistant manager of Doubleday's Book Shop.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. ALBERT:

Q I direct your attention to September 30th.

1972 at or about 6 p.m. at 724 Fifth Avenue.

Were you there at that time and place?

A I was.

- Q What type of location is that?
- A It's a book store and record store.
- Q What is your capacity?
- A Assistant manager.
- Q Tell the Court what, if anything, happened at that time and place?
- A Mr. Cyphers came in and made a purchase on a Master Charge of one or two record albums. The total amount of sale was \$10 and some odd change.
  - Q Do you see Mr. Cyphers in court now?
  - A Yes.
  - Q Point him out.
  - A. The man in the blue shirt.

MR. ALBERT: Let the record indicate the witness is pointing out the defendant.

Continue.

A He gave me the card. He signed for the merchandise. I didn't have to call for proof because it was a small amount.

Q Did you see him sign it?

A Yes, he signed right in front of me. I held the card until I had the signature.

- Q What name did he sign?
- A Preston something or other.
- Q You saw him sign that?
- A Yes.
- Q Did he give you a Master Card in that person's name?
  - A Yes.
- Q Did you give him merchandise in exchange for that?
  - A 'His records, I did.

### CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. HEIGER:

Q Am I correct in understanding that on September 30th, 1972 you met Mr. Cyphers and you had known him before that date?

A I had not known him. I only him in a business sense that he comes into the book shop.

Q Had he come into the record shop prior to September 30th, 1972?

MR. ALBERT: Objection, your Honor.

MR. HEIGER: A question of identity.

THE COURT: Subject.

THE WITNESS: Not that I am aware of.

I am only aware of seeing him several times.

After that each time he came into the store after that I contacted other members of the store and no matter what the charge was, even if it were up to \$2 to call for proof.

THE COURT: Did you ever see him before the date on which you say this occurred?

THE WITNESS: Not that I can swear to.

He may have been in, but I really couldn't

say. I had no reason to remember im.

- Q You had no reason to remember him?
- -A No.
  - Q Did you ever all him at his home?
- A i never have.

MR. ALBERT: Objection, your Honor.

Q Did you ever receive Mr. Cyphers' business card prior to that date?

MR. ALBERT: Objection, your Honor.

It is going into identification, your Honor.

MR. HEIGER: That's right, exactly.

MR. ALBERT: Which is not the purpose of

this hearing.

THE COURT: Yes. Not that, counsel. I am managing very nicely without help.

Q Did you ever receive one of these business cards from Mr. Cyphers?

A I did.

Q When was that?

A Friday, this past Friday.

Q Did you ever receive one September 30th, 1972?

A Not that I am aware of, no.

Q Did you ever have a conversation with Mr. Cyphers about your background?

A No. not that -- specifically? Specifically I had a conversation with him Friday night.

Q Prior to September 30th, 1972?

A Not that I am aware of.

Q Did you ever tell Mr. Cyphers that you attended Columbia University?

A I never have.

MR. ALBERT: I think it is too much detail.

MR. HEIGER: We are here on an identifi-

cation.

THE COURT: Counsel, this is just a felony hearing.

MR. HEIGER: That's right, and identification of the defendant.

THE COURT: Identification is perfect.

So far he said no to everything.

MR. HEIGER: I want to get all the negatives from this complainant.

THE COURT: I will ask you to now move on.

- Q Did you ever leave any messages on the tape machine in Mr. Cyphers home prior to September 30th, 1972 about records that he ordered in your store?
  - A Not that I am aware of.
  - Q Did you make the calls or didn't you?
  - A No, not that I know of.
- Q Did you ever give Mr. Cyphers a credit at Doubleday's?
- A He has a xerox copy. He must have it. He has a copy of a credit certificate with my signature on it.

- Q Did you call him to come to the store that day?
- A I did not.
- O He came to the store on his own?
- A Apparently.
- Q It wasn't for a specific order that he had made in the store?
- A Prior to September I could have called him. I don't know. I have no reason for him to stick in my mind. I call hundreds of customers with records.
  - Q How many customers do you see in a day?
  - A Fifty, 75, it depends.
  - Q Every day of the week?
  - A Saturdays are busier.
  - Q How many buy records?
    - MR. ALBERT: Once again if we are going-
  - Q Are you being paid to appear today?
  - A No, I am not.

THE COURT: Sustained.

Q How did you come?

THE COURT: There isn't a jury.

Q How did you come to identify Mr. Cyphers as

the individual Preston prior to your appearing here today?

MR. ALBERT: Objection, your Honor.

THE COURT: Sustained.

Q Were you shown a photograph of Mr. Cyphers?

MR. ALBERT: Objection.

THE COURT: Sustained. I've permitted certain identification questions to connect the defendant with the act but a Huntley hearing is not before me.

- Q On the day that Mr. Cyphers came into the store how much was the charge?
  - A \$10 and some change.
  - O What was the date?
  - A September 30th.
- Q Did Mr. Cyphers tell you he had a credit in your store that day?
  - A That I don't know.
  - Q Were you also known by an alias?
  - A My legal name is Joseph.
  - Q Joseph Kale?
  - A Correct.
  - Q I show you a document and ask you if that is

your signature?

A It is.

Q Tell us what document that is?

A This is a credit certificate.

MR. ALBERT: May I examine the certificate?

THE WITNESS: Credit certificate issued for book returns to the store. A person wouldn't want books. I would give them credit certificate. They will come back at a later date and take any merchandise they chose.

Q What date is on this?

A I didn't notice.

THE COURT: The document speaks for it-

MR. HEIGER: Yes.

THE COURT: Show it to counsel.

MR. ALBERT: I have seen it.

Q Am I correct in stating, Mr. Kale, that if someone came into that store that day to make a \$10 purchase and had that document they wouldn't have to pay at all, would they?

A That's correct.

THE COURT: This being offered in evidence?

MR. HEIGHER: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Any objection?

MR. ALBERT: No. your Honor.

THE COURT: Deemed marked as Defendant's Exhibit A.

Q When for the first time did you find out that Mr. Preston who gave you the card, that that was not Mr. Cyphers' name?

MR. ALBERT: Objection, your Honor.

It is not within the scope of this examination.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: Three to fourdays after I had taken the charge I was called to the office and told that I had accepted a stelen card and with an altered number which I had no way of knowing.

Q How many Master Charge Cards had you accepted between the days of September 30th, 1972 and the day you

discovered that you accepted a stolen card?

- A Perhaps 30 cards.
- Q When you were advised in the office that you had accepted a stolen card had you recalled who had given it to you?
- A Nost of my customers are regulars. I had a pretty good idea.
- Q Did you recall it was this defendant who had given you the card at the time when you discovered that the card you accepted was a stolen card?
  - A No, not un 11 I saw the pictures.

MR. ALBERT: Before counsel continues I would point out that your Honor has already directed that this line of questioning be discontinued if we are going into identification.

THE COURT: All right, identification,

counselor is relevant from the point of view

of establishing the defendant's connection

with the crime. I will not, however, allow you

to pursue any matter regarding the means of

ider fication and whether it was legally per
missible under the various Huntley, etc. rules.

MR. ALBERT. The witness has identified this man in court today.

THE COURT: Correct.

Q Would you tell us how much time elapsed between the time you discovered the card you had taken was a stolen card and the time that pictures were shown?

MR. ALBERT: Again, objection.

THE COURT: Sustained.

Q And you at the time discovered that this was the defendant who gave you the card?

THE COURT: Sustained.

MR. HEIGER: He said he did not recall this defendant.

THE COURT: Counsel, you must ask the next question. I have sustained the objection.

Q When for the first time did you know that this was the defendant that gave you the card?

MR. ALBERT: Objection, your Honor.

THE COURT: I will let him answer just when.

THE WITNESS: October, early.

Q Of what year?

A Of '72.

Q At that time did you know that the defendant was James Cyphers?

A I did not know his name. I did not know his name. I only knew him from facial identification.

I did not know any personal facts about him or his name.

Q Is it your testimony that this defendant came back into the store after September 30th?

MR. ALBERT: Objection, your Honor.

Irrelevant to the proceeding.

THE COURT: Overruled. You may answer yes or no.

THE WITNESS: Yes, he's a frequent customer.

Q Did he give you a credit card on those occasions?

MR. ALBERT: Objection, your Honor.

THE COURT: Sustained.

Q Were you offered a reward for testifying here?
MR. ALBERT: Objection.

THE COURT: Sustained, counsel.

MR. HEIGER: No further questions.

THE COURT: When young men do this I indulge them, but I don't have to indulge you, please.

MR. HEIGER: No further questions.

MR. ALBERT: No re-direct.

THE COURT: Call your next witness.

THE COURT OFFICER: Please take the stand, raise your right hand and face the Judge.

FRED PRESTON STAFF, called as a witness on behalf of the People, was duly sworn and testified as follows:

THE COURT OFFICER: Please state your name, address and occupation?

THE WITNESS: Fred Preston Staff, 1912 West Nielsen Circle, Tallahasee, Florida.

THE COURT: Also known as Fred Preston?
THE WITNESS: No.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. ALBERT

Q. Mr. Staff, are you the owner of a Master Charge credit card?

A Yes.

Q Did there come a time when you discovered that this credit card was no longer in your possession?

A Yes.

Q When was that?

A I don't know the exact date, but it was about a year ago in April I think.

THE COURT: Do you remember the month?
THE WITNESS: April, I believe.

THE COURT: Of '72 approximately.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

Q Did you discover that the card was missing from your possession?

A Yes.

Q Did you report that to anyone?

A Yes, I did. I reported it to --

Q You reported it to the Credit Card Company?

A Yes.

Q Did you report it to anybody else?

A Yes, the Police Department in New York City.

the Chemical Bank in New York City and a little bank in
Tallahassee.

Q Would you look at the defendant sitting here in the blue coat. Do you recognize him?

- A No, I don't.
- Q Had you ever seen him before?
- A No, not to my knowledge.
- Q Did you ever give him permission to take your credit card?
  - A No.
- Q Permission or authority to use your name in any way?
  - A No. sir.

MR. ALBERT: I have no further questions.

## CROSS EXAMINATION

### BY MR. HEIGER:

- Q You say your name is Fred Preston Staff?
- A Yes.
- Q Is that the name that was on the credit card?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q How many copies of that credit card do you

### have?

- A Two.
- Q Did you lose both?
- A My wife has one.
- Q Only one was lost or stolen?

- A Yes, sir.
- Q On either one of those cards was the name Fred Preston?
  - A Both of them, I believe.
  - Q Without thename Staff?
  - A No, no, no.

THE COURT: On both bore the name.

- Q Fred Preston Staff?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you ever make any purchases in Doubleday's Book Store in New York City?
  - A No. sir.
  - Q Have you ever been in New York before now?
  - A Yes, sir.

THE COURT: When you first noticed the card missing, sir, were you in New York?

THE WITNESS: I was in New York City.

- Q Was your wife with you in New York?
- A No, sir.

MR. HEIGER: I have no further questions.

MR. ALBERT: No re-direct examination.

THE COURT: Thank you very much.

MR. ALBERT: People's case.

MR. HEIGER: At this time, your Honor, the defendant moves to dismiss on the grounds that the People have failed to prove a crime in this case.

THE COURT: Come up gentlemen.

(Discussion at bench.)

MR. HEIGER: Bail continued, your Honor?

THE COURT: As to this matter it is held

for the grand jury. After hearing held for

the grand jury and bail is continued.

MR. HEIGER: As to the other matter?

THE COURT: We haven't called them in,
yet.

. THE COURT OFFICER: No. 23, James Cyphers charged with fugitive from Ohio.

THE COURT: You want an adjournment on this? This is a transfer to the Supreme Court. Mr. Cyphers, please listen to me. The continuation of bail on the other matter is continued on the condition that you stay away from all persons involved in this case other

than your attorney. It has been reported to me that you spoke to Mr. Kale. I don't know whether you spoke to him or the bank people or not. What happened up to this time I am not interested in. It is now 12:37 of May 14th. I don't want you to have anything to do with these people in any way whatsoever except through your attorney. I don't want you to have any conversation with Mr. Kale. I don't want you to have any conversations with the bank people unless they are through your attorney or in the presence of your attorney and it is on that basis and that basis only that the bail is continued. Do you understand? Case transferred to Part 30 forthwith.

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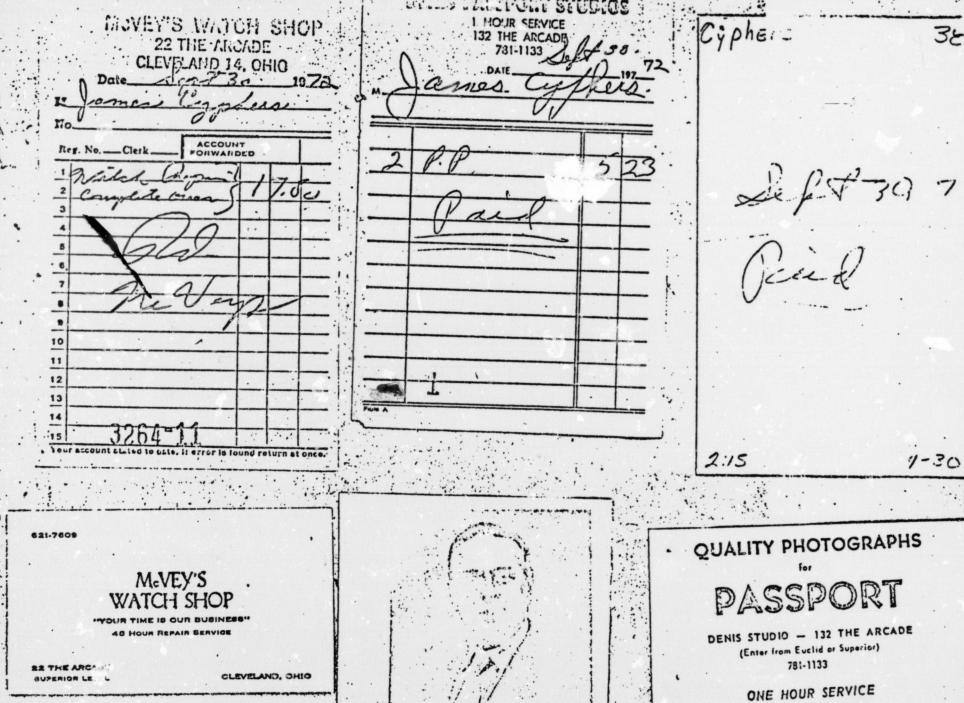
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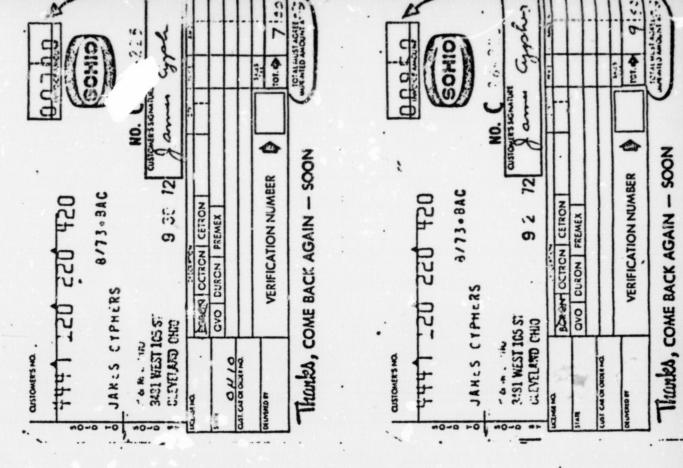
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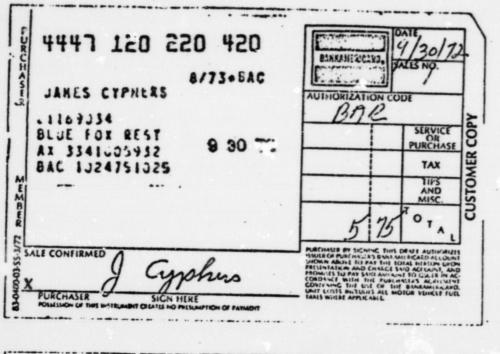
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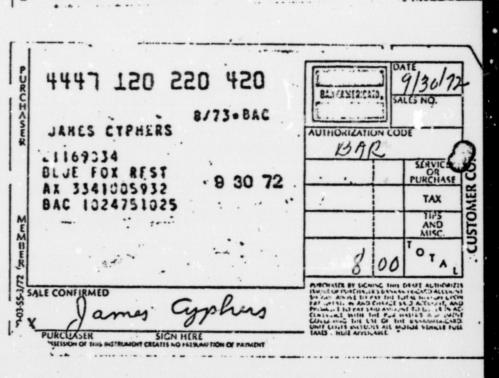
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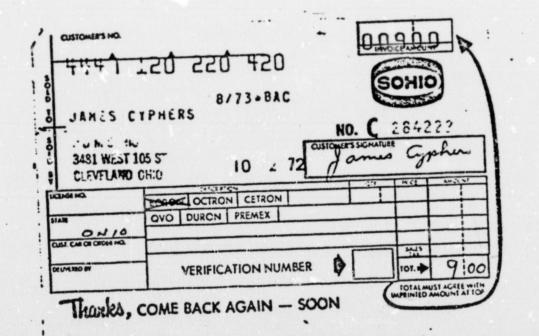
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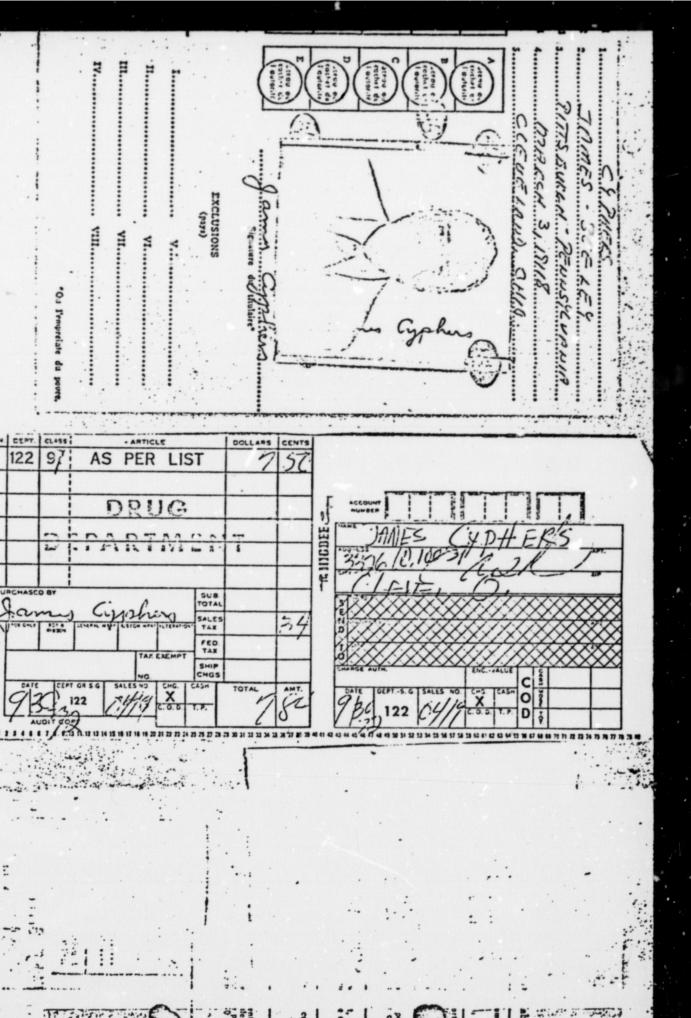
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